

### Abstract

5           The present invention relates to a process for dehydrating naturally occurring  
organic materials which contain a biologically active component, and in particular  
proteins, which does not change the original structure of the active component, by drying  
such material in particulate form in the presence of an antimicrobial agent and preferably  
an ionizable salt at temperatures at or below which denaturization occurs until the water  
10   content of the material is reduced to less than 15%.